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THE FORTUNE HUNTER.

By Mercellus Waverly.

(CONCLUDED.)

I read his name upon the handkerchief, 'Henry Almont.' It may be the young friend of whom my father has often spoken, as being remarkably fortunate in business——'

'How fortunate sir?' asked Cassandra's younger sister, who had stolen unperceived into the room.

'Hal Ellen, have you heard me—then I must answer. He was a poor boy ten years ago, and now he has a capital of not less than ten thousand dollars.'

Who was Cassandra? methinks I hear you ask. She was the personification of loveliness, if not decidedly beautiful, it was freely allowed that she was pretty, and if her features were not faultless, they seemed so to her acquaintances. A smile of happiness ever wreathed her lip, and a look of kindness and benevolence beamed from her eye. She had been urged by her friends to receive the addresses of Edward Lathrop, mistaken kindness, and with her usual good nature, she had tried to think lightly of those of his faults that came to her knowledge, but virtue can never look benignantly upon vice and now her feelings toward him were changed, for a woman's heart repelled the insidious passion, though it came in a garb as specious as that of the tempter in Eden.

She had that morning been a witness of his meanness and his cruelty, for unperceived by either, she was approaching them at the very moment on which occurred the incident which we have related. She was aware that she had not been discovered, now concealed herself in an avenue till they had passed, then hastened onward, and overtook the little girl. The child cast a hasty glance toward her, then feeling that she was far inferior to the rich lady, she stepped into the street to allow her to pass.

'Come here dear:—do not turn away from me. Come here my darling,' said Cassandra, kindly, and extended her hand to the child, who now paused, and glanced timidly into the lady's face.

'My child, I will go with you, and see your sick sister.'

'Thank you ma'am; it is a long way from here, and you will be very tired.'

'Oh, I am used to walking, but let us step into this shop a moment. Come in, dear,' she continued, as she perceived the little legged behind, she timidly complied clinging to Cassandra's dress.

The clerk was soon packing rare fruits and confects, etc. Cassandra gave him the number of the avenue, and having paused for a few moments, to allow the little creature to warm her aching fingers, they went onward. It was a glad sight to witness the blood mount to her temples, and her eye brighten with pleasure. Such emotions were foreign to her young heart, but frequently did the poor thing return to her humble shed, for, it was hardly better, without money and without food; but kind Heaven had sent an angel to feed them, just as she had dreamed the night before, then in her dreams she saw a good angel come to protect them, but, alas! when she awoke, hungry and cold, the drifted snow lay piled upon her bed, and when she strove in vain to kindle a blaze to warm her invalid sister, her heart ached more than ever. But the protector of all remembered them now.

The child led her onward between ruinous old buildings, from the doors and windows of which issued an odor not particularly grateful, these apertures were crowded with squalid human beings who were doubtless amazed at beholding Cassandra. Passing through a court that was obstructed by numberless and nameless articles, they entered a low and wretched room, which even at noon-day, was dark and gloomy. Upon a low and hard bed, lay the wreck of the amiable and lovely Gertrude.

Cassandra advanced to the bedside, and pressed the pale hand of the invalid in her own, and strove to speak cheerfully, but her first effort was unavailing. the sufferer perceived her emotion and feebly whispered,

'Do not suffer your feelings to be so violent. I have suffered for years.'

'Are you attended by a physician?' Cassandra asked.

'No. I employed one as long as I was able to pay, but his calls became less frequent, and when my last dollar was gone, and I could no longer labor, his visits ceased entirely.'

'Inhuman! unfeeling monster!' exclaimed Cassandra.

At that moment the clerk, who performed a double office, came stumbling to the door, and muttering curses upon the place.

'Here boy, take this note to Dr. Spree's well, and in haste,' said Cassandra, as she placed it in his hand. The boy disappeared, and for the first time she surveyed the apartment, and unconsciously uttered, 'No fire, no chairs, broken windows and shattered door.'

'Yes, all this, and more, but I will not repine, for the landlord last week, when he saw my efforts to pay rent were fruitless, generously offered me the room rent free.'

Cassandra refrained from further enquiry and busied herself in kindling a fire, and the room soon became comfortable. The Doctor soon arrived, and advancing, clasped Cassandra's hand, and said pleasantly—

'You are bound to have a happy christmas I see,' then followed a low and private colloquy, which ended in happy looks and gladsome smiles. As he was about to withdraw, Cassandra asked,

'You are sure that she cannot be moved from the house without danger?'

'Yes Cassandra. We will let her remain a few weeks, and will make her comfortable here, and then we will find a better home for her'

Soon after the conversation, Cassandra returned home, not till she had provided a nurse for the sufferer. The morning again found the lady at the humble residence of her patient.

'Is there no hope?' she tremblingly asked.

'None. We can only render her comfortable, but her days are numbered'

The words fell heavy on her soul, and the fair girl gave way to unutterable grief. Weeks fled, and the invalid's cheek grew paler, she felt that death was near; and calling Cassandra to her side she whispered—

'On the morrow, I shall have much to tell you.'

The morning came, a bright and lovely morning. All nature was gay and happy. The busy throng hurried onward, all unconscious of any suffering in their midst—unconscious or uncaring; all were interested wholly and exclusively for self—self was each one's cherished idol. Who cares for others' What if 'the north air bites' and causes the pale face to grow blue, and every muscle to quiver or to become rigid, no matter if the thermometer of your room range as bore summer heat: those who suffer are the poor, and why should they not suffer? Cannot some means be devised to compel them to wear a cheerful face, and to conceal their wretchedness from the knowledge of the better class. Yet worshipers of Mammon, and of self, employ your thoughts upon this subject.

Cassandra again hastened to the old, dilapidated building, and quickly entered. The room presented an air of comfort, and could the fair being who languished in sickness have been restored to health, we might have added cheerfulness. Little Emma rose, and clasping her hand, led her to the bedside. Cassandra brushed aside the silken tresses from the young creature's brow, and as she looked into her pretty face, could readily believe that the child had not been nursed in poverty.

'Gertrude, I hope you are better to day?' said she in a voice of kindness and affectionate regard.

'No, Cassandra; but I am very deeply indebted to your kindness. Sit down and I will fulfil my promise.'

'I will listen.'

'My parents were once wealthy, and like you, I could bestow my gifts upon the poor. I was then flattered and caressed—gilded friends flitted around me, and I had but to breathe a wish to have it granted. Then my young heart was given to my early friend, the playmate of my childhood and I dreamed of still happier hours. With fluttering heart, I waited the approach of the day that would make us one, but what eye hath penetrated the future. My father was unfortunate in business, and lost every dollar of his wealth, then I looked in vain for the friends of sunnier hours. that had vanished, and [Heaven forgive him,] among them was he who had so often told me of love.'

'Monster, who was he?'

'Nay Cassandra do not call him by so harsh a name. It was Edward Lathrop.'

'Edward Lathrop. Oh heavens.'

'Do not start with such a look of horror. I can forgive him, though he has ruined me. But I will tell all. My father died soon after the misfortune came upon him, and my mother survived him but a few weeks, when all I loved was gone, all save my darling child. Start not from me, but forgive the error of a young fond heart. I have taught the poor thing to call me sister, and now when death is near, feel that I cannot die in peace till you promise to love and protect my babe.'

'Gertrude, can a sister love her better than I, can a mother protect her better?'

'Ah no, Heaven has heard my prayer.'

Would ye know what happiness is, then watch the tearful eye and fluttering heart of the fair being who has voluntarily forsaken the scenes of gilded pleasure, to minister to the wants of a dying parent.

'If you should ever meet Edward, tell him that my last prayers was for him.'

Cassandra was about to reply, but the silver cord had been broken, and she looked upon a pale corpse.

Cassandra returned home and found waiting her arrival the infamous Lathrop, her course was decided.

'Have I kept you waiting sir?' she asked with a forced smile.

'O, no, I have amused myself in humming your music. 'Would you not like to accompany me in my morning call to a poor family whom I have rendered more comfortable of late!'

'With pleasure Cassandra. You are really an angel,' he replied, and they soon entered the old building which now contained the remains of the lovely Gertrude. They approached the bedside, and little Emma who at once recognised her, clung to the hand of her only friend, and wept as if her young heart would break. Edward gazed upon that ghastly face for a moment, with such a look of horror as can be pictured on the faces of the lost spirits. 'Oh, my God, this is my work? Oh, Gertrude speak, oh, speak but one word, and say that I am forgiven.'

'Edward Lathrop, said Cassandra, in a moment, approaching to severity, 'she bade me speak that word, and say that she loved you to the last, and now Mr. Lathrop, in the presence of your victim and your child, I bid you never again address me—for if I was indifferent to you before, I now despise your base dishonorable and heartless conduct.'

Edward replied not, but rushed from the house and fell by his own hand. A mutual affection sprung up in the hearts of Henry and Cassandra, and but a few weeks elapsed ere they were united in marriage. They still derive as much pleasure as ever in ministering to the wants of the destitute. Little Emma is the pride of the happy couple, and time will heal the wound in her young heart.

They keep no LEGERED account of the munificence, and true it is, that not unfrequently the poor, who receive their bounties, seek in vain to learn the names of their benefactors. Truly benevolence is like the dew of heaven, it falleth silently and unseen, but the kindly moisture invigorates the drooping flower, which repays the gift with fragrant odors.

Partly True

The editor of the Albany Dutchman is a philosopher. We cut from his last paper the following "To Sober a man, we know of few things better than soda water or time. The very men are now 'the pillars of the church' were, only a few years ago, among the rowdy young men that fought with the night police, and broke the city lamps, while the boys that now go it with a rush, will, a quarter of a century hence be known as 'the veterans of the Mexican war.

DOWN EAST GIRLS.—Speaking of Barnum's Chinese lady, who is holding court at Amory Hall, and who boasts of a *foot* only two and a half inches long, the Post observes that in some countries one thing and in other countries some thing else indicates beauty. 'What a plendid woman! says the Hottentot, she weighs over 300.' In America it is, 'What a lovely girl—her waist is only a span.' In China it is 'What a lilly her foot is only two inches. so we go. To this the wag of the Belfas (*Me*) ournal. who is evipently a shrewd connoisseur of femal beauty as the Moor whom Shakespeare has immortalized, replies in the following satisfactory style:

'Nature of course. We can show you some specimens down East' who have not been deformed by liver squeezers nor tight shoes' fatted after the manner of Hottentots, or starved a la mode in cities. They have grown up according to organic laws' dieted on beef steak and corn bread, exercised as the Greeks used to, are up and coming like a flock of partridges with a pointer among 'em, can wash the tea things, go out and milk the cow, and jump over a five rail fence with the pail full and never spill a drop. Needn't rap—we have have seen 'em do it.

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OUR COUNTRY.

From all parts of the country we have the welcome news of peace and plenty from every point of the compass. The only suggestion that grates our feelings, is whether peace and plenty brings happiness to all the thrice blessed citizens of our happy land. We flatter ourselves from the late movements both North and South, that a great majority of the people are happy and thankful, and resolve to be so; yet there are some that are not, of which we have the clearest evidence, we allude to the Abolitionists, alias Free Soilers. mostly bigots and fanatics.

We have heretofore argued that if this peace question was settled by the legal authority—Congress, and all granted that they ask for, this party would pick a quarrel about something else, and so they have, viz. the fugitive slave law.

This was an unexpected blow. It was a settled point with them that those slaves were to assist [as they the slave had been assisted by them] in return,* either by open war or strategem, to reach supreme power, by undermining the Constitution. Their resisting the fugitive act of Congress is proof of the fact Every one knows that every member of Congress takes an oath to support the Constitution before he can take his seat. This Constitution binds the citizens of that State to which the slave has fled, to deliver up such slave to his owner upon proper testimony.

Hear the Abolitionists at

BOSTON, Oct. 15.

"A meeting in opposition to the fugitive slave law was held last night, about 4000 persons being present."

At this meeting

"Resolutions were passed, urging upon the representatives of Free States to obtain the repeal of the law."

A majority of Congress can repeal an act upon any subject over which it had, or had not constitutional authority—not so with the constitution. No power on earth can touch that sacred instrument but the people themselves, in regular form and manner as directed. Congress can repeal its own acts—therefore, it would be nonsence for them to meddle with the question of slavery fundamentally as by parity of reason such meddling could not stand more than two years. What do they mean? Do they think the people of the United States would stand still and see their constitution annihilated, the country laid waste, themselves assassinated by lawless bands of knaves and fanatics black and white? What else could result from such a state of things? If anarchy and bloodshed be not their object, then what is the object? It can be nothing good, neither virtuous nor just. The Constitution is the foundation and top-stone of justice, liberty & happiness—what more do they want!

They want to "put down slavery because slavery is a sin against God," granted. But none but God himself can punish, or pardon sinners, and because God permits slavery, they call him a "slave owner," and his angels slave 'drivers.' The inference is, that they are the "Higher Power" they speak of.

Did we not say from the beginning these people did not believe in a supreme being that they lack sense and reason.

More from the Pittsburg [Pa.] Chronicle—after exposing the absurdities of the South, the Chronicle goes on:

"We, of the Free States, talk of and condemn these nonsensical proceedings; but they are no worse than the resolves of some of our own people, here in Pennsylvania in convention which met in Chester county a few days ago surpassed in violence any Southern convocation that has yet assembled. These vio[illegible]

*The following seems to look that way—"The Seward party has nominated Garret Smith Esq. for President, and Mr. Douglas, colored man, for Vice President."

lent Abolitionists in the heat of the excitement resolved that the heroes and sages of the revolution, including Washington, were failures, all those who regard the Constitution of the country, as slaveholders and idolators. Nothing that the ultras of the South have yet said, can surpass in virulence and bitterness, the proclamation of our Pennsylvania Abolitionists. The American church was denounced by them in strong terms, its ministers viewed in the light of imposters and cheats, and every man who voted for any member of congress who supported the Fugilive slave bill was denounced as having committed treason against God!

The following in condemnation of Judge McLean, an anti slavery man, will give the reader an idea of their resolves against slave holders. When such language is applied to Judge McLean, the reader can imagine the sort of vernacular used to show abolition detestation of slaveholders, and all in the North who sympathise with them.

We cannot say much in condemnation of Southern hastiness and indiscretion, while crowded with fanaticism within our own State. The best way to do with the impious wretches, in both sections, is to disregard their ravings, and treat them as the jabbering of so many maniacs. But here is the abolition resolution:

'RESOLVED, That John McLean of Ohio, a Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States, by his flaming zeal in deciding fugitive slave cases in favor of the tyrant and ravisher, and so ruining, by heavy costs, many of the most humane and benevolent men in the nation, as well as hurling back to the woes of slavery those who at every peril had escaped, deserves to have his name enrolled high on the scroll of everlasting infamy with a Jeffries of England, or Nero on the throne of Rome."

This of Judge McLean! One of the purest able, and upright men of the age: and worse of Mr. Webster. Shocking.

Every word of this raving, slander, falsehood, blasphemy and treason, is owing to a false system of education, and yet these same people are at this moment, sending off armies of low fanatical ignorant females (to say the least of them) to teach the noble children of the West! Shame on the citizens! See what their teachings have come to; can ignorance impart knowledge? Impossible—who can teach what they do not know? But this is nothing compared to what they are now about, viz. attempting to put down free schools.

In our opinion a terrible judgment awaits these imposters. If every slave in the Union were emancipated, who believes this party would cease their assaults upon the constitution? No intelligent man will.

REVEREND WILLIAM MATTHEWS.

It will afford the friends of this gentleman much pleasure to hear that he is restored to health, with the exception of a few rheumatic pains in his limbs.

At one time in the course of the last summer, he was so ill that his friends were much alarmed for his safety. When it shall please the Almighty to call this Sainted and faithful Shepherd home, there will be great joy in Heaven, and loud lamentations on earth. The poor will miss him, the orphan will miss him, the widow, and the houseless stranger will weep over his tomb! May that day be far, far distant. Perhaps no man of his sacred calling has done more good—we should say none, than this amiable man. His wealth, his time, and his faith with which he has been eminently, has been devoted to the benefit of his species during his long life.

Father Matthews has been a resident of this city since its birth, and for the same time the beloved Pastor of St. Patrick's Church in F street. During this time he has established a female orphan Asylum, under the care and tuition of the sisters of charity, where some hundreds of those destitute little creatures are clothed, fed, and taught (gratis) the principles of virtue, religion, and the various branches of domestic labor, whereby they can support themselves. He is truly the father of the fatherless, and a watchful shepherd. But octavus could not contain the good deeds of his long and useful life.

He has more over established or at least was the chief mover—an Academy for boys, where three hundred students are now being taught every branch of literature under the Rev. Professor Blox, a native of BELGIUM—a Priest of unrivalled learning and worth. All those Belgiums are men of sterling worth, the most learned and accomplished foreigners that reach our shores.

But to return. We called on FATHER MATTHEWS a few days since and find no difference in his appearance. His smooth fair, grecian face without a wrinkle, beams with a heavenly radiance of angel sweetness which no pen can trace,—while his mild dove eye of the softest azure, is the very mirror of charity and philanthropy. But this hasty sketch falls far short of the Saint-like christian whose goodness surpasses language.

Father Matthews the Hiol of Washington, we should have said, is a Catholic, and a native of Charles County, Md. He is a plain man, and though he is in command of abundance his mansion is without display, scarcely furnished, while he keeps but few servants, not more than two or three. His house, his Church & Seminary (the latter a large building) are all connected on one lot, with a garden in rear, all neatly inclosed in front with a gate always open, not even a string to pull. The door of his front room is likewise wide open during the day.

We made a short call at the public offices last week, to renew the assurance of our regard to our old friends, and pay our respects to the new comers. Remarks next week. We shall see all our friends before December perhaps—meantime we warn those whose duty it is to look sharp to the treasury. We imagine we saw some suspicious persons in that neighborhood.

A revolting murder was committed at Milwaukie' on the 13th inst' by an Irishman named Maloney, who, being infuriated by alcoholic liquor, turned his wife out of the house, and then brutally assailed his children.

At a meeting near Covington, Ky. a short time since, a fight occured in which a man was stabbed seven times very severely' in the side breast and throat. He fainted from loss of blood. and the physicians pronounced his wounds mortal. When told that he was about to die, he asked for his pocket book. which was brought to him, every one expecting that. he opened the pocket book, took out a hundred dollar bill, and offered to bet it all that he would get well of his wounds.

☞ The packet ship *New World* arrived at *New York* on Thursday week, from Liverpool, with seven hundred and seventy steerage passengers. Not a single case of sickness occured on board during the passage.

Gov. Ramsey, of Minnesota, and Robert Tyler, of *Philadelphia*' have been appointed to treat with the Sioux Indians for their lands lying between the Winnebago country and Iowa, and extending eastward of the Mississippi. This extensive tract is described as well watered, heavily timbered and fertile country.

Some narrow contracted souls are continually inveighing most bitterly and boisterously against the emigration of foreigners to this continent. Yet, a nativist paper estimates that at the rate of only two persons to each acre, *America* contains land enough to support five hundred times her present population, with an abundant supply of food for exportation.— Quincy Herald.

Mayor Barker, of Pittsburg, N. Y., has been arrested and held to bail on various charges of assault and battery, false imprisonment, and misdemeanor. Nightly riots occur between the citizens and his police' who are composed of the worst of rowdies.

In Virginia when the wheat is harvested, it is the custom for all hands to stop up and liquor. On such occasions, the darkies toast; glass in hand, to the assembled crowd. Here's one—isn't it nice?

De heifer find de hide,
De tanner tan de ledder,
Massa wear de boot,
And nigger stand the wedder.

Flogging seamen in the navy has been entirely abolished, except in decisions of court martials.

FAREWELL.

We do not know how much we love
Until we come to leave,
An aged tree, a common flower
Are things o'er which we grieve.
There is a pleasure in the pain
That brings us back the past again.

We linger while we turn away,
We cling while we depart,
And memories unmarked till then
Come crowding round our heart.
Let what will turn our onward way
Farewell's a bitter word to say.

THE COMING WINTER.

Autumn's sighing,
Moaning, dying,
Clouds are flying
On like steeds,
While their shadows
O'er the meadows
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